

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR THE
CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE LEASE AMENDMENT
FORT HOOD, TX**

1.0 NAME OF THE ACTION

Combine the current leases of buildings 3201 and building 335, as well as an additional parcel of 0.738 acres, into a single lease for a period of 25 years, as well as the subsequent construction of a 26,624 square foot, two-story classroom facility on the 0.738 acre tract.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

CTC, in cooperation with Fort Hood, proposes to amend their current lease by combining the current leases of buildings 3201 and building 335, as well as adding an additional parcel of 0.738 acres, into a single lease for a period of 25 years. The additional parcel of 0.738 acres will be used to construct a 26,624 square foot, two-story classroom facility. The original EBS and FOSL were completed for building 3201 in February, 2000. The parcel of 0.738 acres is adjacent to building 3201, and CTC intends to use the property to construct a 26,624 square-foot, two-story classroom facility. The original EBS and FOSL for building 335 were completed in December, 2004. An EBS and FOSL for combining all three leasing actions for a period of 25 years was completed in February, 2006.

Under the No Action Alternative, CTC would continue to operate within their existing lease that is five years. There would be no new lease and no construction of a classroom facility.

3.0 SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT OF PROPOSED ACTION

Based on this EA, there would be no direct impacts on the environment associated with the lease renewal on these three properties; however, there will be insignificant, adverse impacts associated with the construction of the new classroom facility. Long-term, insignificant adverse impacts to land use, soils, storm water, waste water, and vegetation, are anticipated. Short-term, insignificant adverse impacts to air quality, noise, hazardous materials, and socioeconomics due to construction activities are anticipated. Long-term beneficial impacts to environmental justice and protection of children are anticipated.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/REVIEW

The Draft EA and FNSI will be available for public review for a period of 30 days, beginning March 17, 2006. The Notice of Availability (NOA) will be published in the Killeen Daily Herald. The purpose of this review is to ensure that significant issues are resolved. The documents can be viewed on the following website:

<http://www.dpw.hood.army.mil/HTML/PPD/Pnotice.htm>. Copies have also been provided to the Killeen Public Library at 205 East Church Avenue, Killeen, Texas, 76541. Comments on the EA and FNSI should be submitted no later than April 17, 2006 to: U.S. Army, HQ III Corps and Fort

Hood, Attn: IMSW-HOD-PWE, Building 4219, 77th Street and Warehouse Avenue, Fort Hood,
TX 76544-5028, Attn: Liv McMillan, (phone 254-288-5462).

5.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the findings of the EA, no significant impact on human health or the natural environment is anticipated from the Proposed Action. A FNSI is warranted and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for this action.

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Date